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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL COCOA AGREEMENT (ICA) TO BE

RENEGOTIATED; GHANA TO STOP GIVING COCOA PRODUCTION DATA

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED.

1. ICA WILL BE RE-NEGOTIATED IN GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER 1975 UNDER UNCTAD AUSPICES, ACCORDING TO MARCH 24 PRESS QUOTING COMMISSIONER (EQUVALENT TO MINISTER) FOR COCOA AFFAIRS COL. F.G. BERNASKO. BERNASKO LED GOG DELGATION TO LAST WEEK'S FOURTH SESSION OF COCOA COUNCIL AT LONDON.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORT, BERNASKO SAID WORKING PARTY HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED "TO WORK OUT RECOMMENDATIONS IN LONDON IN JUNE THIS YEAR, TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE COUNCIL IN AUGUST...AFTER THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE UNCTAD THROUGH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM BEFORE THE MEETING IN SEPTEMBER."

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3. BERNASKO IS QUOTED AS HAVING POINTED OUT DANGER TO

INDUSTRY OF COCOA SUBSTITUTES. "THE CONFERENCE, HE SAID, AGREED THAT IN FUTURE SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE APPROVED BY TWO AGENCIES---...FAO AND CODEX."

4. BERNASKO ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING GOG WILL NO LONGER DIVULGE COCOA PRODUCTION DATA DUE TO HIGHLY SPECULATIVE NATURE OF COCOA TRADE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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5. COMMENT: IT IS SIGNIFICANT AND PRESUMABLY PLEASING TO USG THAT ICA TO BE RENEGOTIATED AND NOT SIMPLY EXTENDED. WE SUSPECT THAT EITHER BERNASKO MISUNDERSTOOD OR WAS MISQUOTED IN CITING RENEGOTIATION STEPS, AND THAT UNCTAD, ETC. WILL SIMPLY BE CONSULTED OR INFORMED.

6. WE MAY HAVE SEEN THE END OF REASONABLY CURRENT COCOA PURCHASING STATISTICS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TRADE SOURCES RECENTLY INDICATED GHANA'S PURCHASING DATA WERE DELIBERATELY UNDERSTATED.  
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